3. Mythological Serials

4. Sports Events.

5. Others.

(d) The details are as under:

Source	1996-97 (Rs. in crores)	1997-98 (Rs. in crores)	1998-99 (Rs. in crores)
Hindi Feature Films	120.06	110.87	96.20
Film Based Programmes	94.43	100.96	45.83
Mytholgical Serials	40.66	41.58	59.69
Sports Events	49.60	36.15	33.13
Kendras	186.43	131.94	113.79
Others	81.54	68.65	50.68
Total	572.72	490.15	399.32

Imposition of Labour Laws by Developed Countries

†*145. SHRI JANESHWAR MISRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that America and other developed countries are trying to impose labour laws through World Trade Organisation inspite of the failure of Seattle talks;

(b) if so, what strategy Government have formulated to frustrate such efforts of the developed countries; and

(c) whether Government are trying to make domestic labour laws effective and in the interest of the labourers?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Attempts were made by many developed countries, to introduce the linkage between trade and core labour standards in the future work programme of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) at the Seattle Ministerial Conference. However, India and other developing countries effectively opposed such an inclusion. No formal proposals have been made post-Seattle in WTO is this regard by any of the developed countries, but pressure in future for inclusion of this issue in the work programme of WTO cannot be ruled out.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) India has been trying to garner support of other developing and like minded group of countries for preventing inclusion of this linkage between Trade and Labour Standards in the future work programme of the WTO. India has also been taking the stand that International Labour Organisation (ILO) is the right forum for discussion on issues relating to Labour Standards.

(c) International Labour Standards, espescially the ILO Core Conventions have greatly influenced the enactment of labour laws in India. Labour Laws are enforced through inspections by the Central and State Government machinery. The Government will continue their efforts for effective implementation of Labour laws to protect the interest of the labour.

Computation of Rate of Industrial Production

†*146. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
DR. D. MASTHAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to include the production of 543 items to determine the rate of index of industrial production;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that so far 342 items were included to determine the rate of the index of industrial production; and

(d) if so, what is the reason for including these new items and the names of these items?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (d) The Index of Industrial Production (IIP) is a monthly index compiled and released by Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) to measure changes in the volume of production in physical terms. In order to accurately reflect the growth rate in the industrial sector, the base period of the index has been changed from time to time to reflect the changing structure of the industrial economy. The latest revision has made the base year 1993-94 from the earlier base year 1980-81. The revised indices were released on 27th May, 1998.

The revision of the coverage of items and industries as well as the technique of construction has changed. Consequently, 543 items have been included compared to 352 items in the earlier IIP (Base 1980-81).

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.